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TOPIC Movements of Soviet Troop Trains

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1. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel were observed aboard leave trains in Frankfurt/Oder between 11 and 14 December 1951:

Date	To Brest Litovsk	From Brest Litovsk
11 December	300 and 290	320 and 300
12 "	280 " 300	290 " 320
13 "	270 " 280	310 " 300
14 "	290 " 300	320 " 350

(1)

2. Between 11 and 15 December, no Soviet troop trains or trains with military personnel passed through the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station.

3. A troop train which passed through the Naumburg railroad station at about 6 p.m. on 12 December carried soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 AT guns, 2 prime movers. The train came from the direction of Bad Koesen and proceeded toward Weissenfels. (2)

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5. Soviet troop trains included: a train of 2 boxcars and 13 flatcars, from Luckenwalde to Luensdorf on 17 December; a train of 1 boxcar and 37 flatcars from Leipzig-Engelsdorf to Potsdam on 18 December; and a train of 46 boxcars and 4 flatcars, from Oranienburg to Jueterbog-Altes Lager on 18 December (4). No troop trains were listed between 14 and 16 December.

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[REDACTED] Comments.

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- (1) The volume of daily leave traffic from and to Brest Litovsk during the period from 11 to 14 December exceeded that of the period from 1 to 10 December. [REDACTED]

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- (2) The two sources probably referred to the same train which carried an element of the 38th (1) AT Arty Brig of the XXXX Gds Itz Rifle Corps from Merseburg. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The unit probably returned to its home station from firing practice at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds.

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- (3) [REDACTED] a tank component of the 20th Gds Weiz Div which may either be the unidentified Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt or the tank battalion of one of the division's mechanized regiments. The unit probably went to Letzling Heath for firing practices. Compare with a report of late November on the loading and unloading of tanks at the Wolmirstedt railroad station. [REDACTED]. Other reports also indicate that occasional firing practice was held at several troop training grounds in November and early December 1951.

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- (4) [REDACTED] carried elements of the 1st Gds Weiz Army of Army headquarters units from Luckenwalde. Compare with reports [REDACTED] on the movement of such units from Luckenwalde to the Wernsdorf area. [REDACTED]

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